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ONE OF THE “DEAD.”

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THIS bit of personal experience is given by the Editor of the Columbus, O., *State Journal* in an editorial article entitled “Reading Up,” and published in its issue of March 13:

“The other day, having occasion to consult Karl Marx’s book on *Capital* we visited the Carnegie Library and asked for it. The librarian looked for it, but finally said: ‘It is out—some O.S.U. student has it.’ So he kindly ‘phoned the State Library for us, and pretty soon we were informed their copy has been taken out by some O.S.U. student. Then he phoned the School Library and was promptly informed some O.S.U. student had their copy.

“So the study these days is along economic and social lines. It is largely among the possibilities of the future, if the situation elsewhere is the same as here, that Socialism is going to be a foremost discussible subject. And it is also probable that the young student’s mind is ‘nuts and raisins’ for the glacial argument of Karl Marx. Some may say this is all right or all wrong, but who can stop a conflict of ideas? Who wants to?”

There is a rude awakening for the College Professors who are owlshly lecturing and issuing books to the Leitmotif of “Marx is dead”—as there is a rude awakening for the Utopians who opine that the Socialist Labor Party is, or was, or will be no more.

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